

A P P L I C A T I O N

GRADUATE AND
DOCTORAL PROGRAM
ADMISSION



OBLATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Office of Admissions/Registrar's Office

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San Antonio, Texas 78216

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ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

MASTERS PROGRAMS

Application Deadlines:

June 30 for Fall
November 30 for Spring/Winter
April 30 for Summer

1. Complete the application and return it with the application fee in the form of a check or money order. This fee is non-refundable. (See Tuition/Fees Sheet for current price.)
2. Submit official transcripts from all colleges attended, undergraduate and graduate, reflecting degree(s) received from an accredited U.S. institution or equivalent training at an institution outside the U.S. sent directly to OST. Student copies are not acceptable.
3. Goals and Objectives Form
4. Biographical Information Form
5. Three recommendations, on forms provided by the School, attesting to the candidate's religious, moral, and intellectual qualifications for ministry:
 - a) One from someone in authority within the applicant's denominational structures verifying his/her good standing;
 - b) One from someone who is qualified to attest to the applicant's academic ability;
 - c) One from any person of the applicant's choosing.The applicant gives the recommendation form to the recommender, who sends it directly to the School.
For those students who have been accepted into formal collaborative formation programs, only one recommendation attesting to the applicant's academic ability is required. That recommendation must be from the Director of the Formation Program.
6. If necessary, submit official score reports from the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) or Graduate Records Examination (GRE). The school code is **2226.00**. International Students whose native language is not English must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) to begin Full-Time studies. Test results must be sent directly to the school. The school code is **6527**. Students who have earned an MA are exempt from these tests.
7. Meningitis Vaccine Requirement Form for new students under age 22.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Office of Financial Assistance supports OST graduate students seeking the means to fund their education. The most common mechanism for graduate students are loans available from the federal government, often at a low interest rate.

To be considered for financial aid, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov/. The results of the FAFSA will be used to determine your financial aid eligibility. Please list Oblate School of Theology, federal school code # **003595**, as **one of the schools to receive your application information**.

For questions concerning financial assistance at OST, please call the Office of Financial Assistance at (210) 341-1366 ext. 229.

DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

Application Deadlines:

PhD April 1 for Fall
DMin April 1 for Summer
DMin November 1 for Winter

1. Complete the application and return it with the application fee in the form of a check or money order. This fee is non-refundable. (See Tuition/Fees Sheet for current price.)
 2. Submit official transcripts from all colleges attended, undergraduate and graduate, reflecting degree(s) received from an accredited U.S. institution or equivalent training at an institution outside the U.S. sent directly to OST. Student copies are not acceptable.
 3. Three recommendations, on forms provided by the School, attesting to the candidate's religious, moral, and intellectual qualifications for ministry:
 - a) One from someone in authority within the applicant's denominational structures verifying his/her good standing (DMIN only);
 - b) One from someone who is qualified to attest to the applicant's academic ability (Two for PhD);
 - c) One from any person of the applicant's choosing.The applicant gives the recommendation form to the recommender, who sends it directly to the School.
 4. A detailed professional résumé/curriculum vitae including a list of all professional publications.
 5. Meningitis Vaccine Requirement Form for new students under age 22.
- ### **Doctor of Ministry Students Only**
6. A six to ten page essay (Please consult the OST Catalog for requirements.)
 7. Ecclesiastical approbation/denominational endorsement is required when appropriate. If married, spousal approval (i.e., a letter acknowledging the time and financial commitment involved) is required.
 8. Specialization requirements:
 - a) Spiritual Formation – Annotated bibliography of works that have been read in the past three years that are germane to this area
 - b) Hispanic/Latino Ministry – Spanish competency with the ability to comprehend, speak, read, and write. Also, experience in Hispanic ministry.

International Students

International students pursuing a Doctoral degree and whose native language is not English must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) to begin Full-Time studies. Test results must be sent directly to the school. The school code is 6527. Students who have earned an MA are exempt from these tests.



APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION Oblate School of Theology

PERSONAL

Name _____
First/Given Middle Preferred Last/Family (Maiden)

Home Address _____
Number and Street (Apt.#, P.O. Box #)

City State Zip Code

Billing Address _____
(if different from above) Number and Street (Apt.#, P.O. Box #) City State Zip Code

Contact Person/Position _____

Home Telephone () _____ Cellular Telephone () _____

E-Mail Address _____

Social Security No. _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____
(Optional) Month Day Year

Place of Birth _____

Religious preference or denomination to which you belong: _____
(Be as specific as possible e.g. American or Southern Baptist, rather than simply Baptist.)

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No

Gender Male Female

Marital Status Single Married

Divorced Widowed

Name of Spouse _____

Name of Child(ren)/Age _____

Are you a licensed minister? Yes No

Are you an ordained minister? Yes No

Military Service

Active-Duty Active-Duty Military Spouse

Military Branch: _____

Military Veteran? Yes No

VA Benefits? Yes No

If yes, what Chapter? _____

Ordination Date _____

SEMINARIANS ONLY

Diocese _____ Religious Congregation _____

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ONLY

Are you a citizen? Yes No If no, are you a legal permanent resident? Yes No

If yes, A#: _____ Date of Approval _____

If no, do you have or will you apply for: F-1 (Student Visa) Other Type of Visa Type _____

Country of Citizenship _____ Country of Birth _____

Was English the main language of instruction for any of your education in your home country? Yes No

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

I plan to enroll at OST for: Year _____

- Fall (August - December) Winter (January) Spring (January - May) Summer (June)

Specify Your Degree Program

Doctoral Programs

- Doctor of Philosophy (Spirituality)

Doctor of Ministry (DMin)

- African American Pastoral Leadership Pastoral Leadership Spirituality and Ministry
 Spiritual Formation in the Local Community
 U.S. Hispanic /Latino Ministry: Do you speak Spanish? Yes No
Do you write Spanish? Yes No
Do you read Spanish? Yes No

Masters Programs

- Master of Divinity + Certificate in Presbyterian Ministry (106 hours) Master of Divinity (80 hours)
 Master of Arts (Spirituality) Master of Arts (Spirituality) Online Master of Arts (Theology)
 Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry (MAPM)

Other Programs

- Certificate of Pastoral Studies (CPS) Pastoral English Lay Ministry Institute (LMI)
(Undergraduate academic credit 1st year)
 Sankofa Institute for African American Pastoral Leadership (Please specify the degree program above)
 Non-Degree Seeking Transient (taking course to transfer to degree-granting /home institution)

Will you be requesting to transfer in graduate theology courses? Yes No

Have you ever previously made an application (degree or non-degree) to this School? Yes No

If yes, when? _____ Name registered: _____

Have you ever been denied admission to a school? Yes No

Have you ever been suspended, dismissed, or forcibly withdrawn from an institution for non-academic reasons? Yes No

EDUCATIONAL and EXAM HISTORY

List all colleges and universities attended in chronological order with the most recent first.

Name of Institution	City, State	Dates Attended	Degree	Date Conferred
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For those enrolling in any MA program, have you taken the:

Miller Analogies Test (MAT) Yes No Score: _____ Date _____

Graduate Record Exam (GRE) Yes No

Scores: Verbal _____ Quantitative _____ Analytical Essay _____ Date _____

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Yes No

Scores: Reading _____ Listening _____ Speaking _____ Writing _____ Date _____

If you have not taken the MAT, GRE, or TOEFL, when do you plan on taking it? _____

EXPERIENCE

List any significant professional or career related experiences.

Employer	Employers Address	Position Held	Approximate Dates
1. _____			
2. _____			
3. _____			

List significant academic honors or awards and honor society memberships.

Describe any ministerial experience. _____

Do you have any medical condition or handicap that requires special attention, drugs or equipment, or facility accommodations that would affect your attendance? If yes, what are your specific needs?

OPTIONAL

Oblate School of Theology does not discriminate against any applicant because of race, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or religious affiliation. In order for the School to respond to required state and federal questionnaires, you are asked to assist us on a voluntary basis, by answering the following questions:

Are you Hispanic/Latino? (Choose only one) Yes No

If you are not Hispanic, mark one or more races to indicate what you consider yourself to be:

Ethnic Background: African American/Black Asian Caucasian
 Native American Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
 Other: _____

By submitting this application, I certify that I am seeking to enroll at Oblate School of Theology and that the information which I have given on these pages is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I agree that if accepted for admission, I shall comply with all the rules and regulations of the School which may be in effect or which shall be put into effect while I am a student.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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